

ACTON SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Senior Center: 978-264-9606

December 2005

The COA Office/Senior Center is open weekdays 8 AM-5 PM.

The mailing address for the COA is: Town Hall, 472 Main St., Acton, MA 01720

The Acton Council on Aging Board will meet on **December 14th at 4:30** at the

Senior Center, 50 Audubon Drive, S. Acton. All are welcome.

You may view the Senior Center website at **www.acton-ma.gov**.

Calendar of Events	Page
Dec. 2nd – Podiatry Clinic	4
Dec. 2nd – Widow/Widowers Group	4
Dec. 8th – Old Mill Trip	6
Dec. 8th – Hearing Clinic	4
Dec. 9th – Men's and Ladies Breakfast	2
Dec. 12th – Velvet Accordion Book Craft	3
Dec. 13th – Blood Pressure Clinic	4
Dec. 14th – Holiday and Birthday lunch	2
Dec. 14th – "Come Back Kids" show	2
Dec. 19th – Holiday Tea	6

Programs/classes to sign up for this month:

Old Mill Trip – page 6

Hearing Clinic – page 4

Men's and Ladies Breakfast – page 2

Velvet Accordion Book Craft – page 3

Holiday and Birthday lunch – page 2

"Come Back Kids" show – page 5

Holiday Tea – page 6



A Holiday Tea!

Tuesday, December 19th, at 2:00

To help usher in the Holidays we will be hosting a Tea Party at the Senior Center and you are invited! Join us for a cup of tea and enjoy tea sandwiches and finger desserts with us. Bring a friend, meet someone new and enjoy some Holiday cheer! **Please call the COA office at (978) 264-9643 to sign up for this festive event!** Men are most welcome too!

Thank you to all of our talented crafters and shoppers alike! The Friends of the Council on Aging craft tables at the Conant Craft Fair and at the Senior Center on Audubon Drive have raised over \$2,500 to benefit the Senior Center programs and classes. Look for some of these crafts at the Acton Memorial Library Holiday Mini Fair on Saturday, December 3rd from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and thank you so much for your support!



Holiday Greetings

The staff and Board of the Council on Aging wish all Acton seniors and their families a joyous Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a safe, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Sign ups for all new classes and programs starts at 12:00 NOON:

Monday, December 5th!

Please do not call before noon;
sign-ups will be taken at noon.

The Senior Center and COA office
will be closed on:

Monday, December 26th
Monday, January 2nd

MINUTEMAN MEAL SITE

Minuteman Lunch is served Monday through Thursday at 11:45 a.m. The requested donation is \$2.00. To sign up for lunch, call 978-263-5053 by 11:00 the day before you wish to come. (Call the COA at 978-264-9651 for transportation, if needed.) The **December Birthday Lunch and the Special Holiday Lunch will be served together on Wednesday, December 14th.** Anyone celebrating a December birthday is welcome to call and reserve a space to join us for a complimentary lunch. **After lunch join us for a great hour of entertainment with the band "The Comeback Kids".** Please call the meal site by 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 9th to make your reservation.

Celebrate the Holidays with Music! **Wednesday, December 14th at 1:00**

The "Comeback Kids" are coming back to Acton and we are thrilled! Following the Holiday and Birthday lunches we will enjoy the concert given by this 5-piece band. Be ready to tap your toes and sing-a-long as this group brings out the best in each one of us!

Men's and Ladies Breakfast! **Friday, December 9th at 9:00 a.m.**

Join us for a generous, warm breakfast with some good friendship on the side! The speaker this month will be Steve Levitsky, AAMS of Edward Jones Investments who will speak about investing on a fixed income. **Please call the COA office by Wednesday, December 7th for a reservation; cost is \$2.00.**

GOING AWAY FOR THE WINTER?

Please give us a call so we can temporarily take you off our mailing list while you are away. Unfortunately we cannot send newsletters out of town so please stay informed on upcoming events and trips by calling your friends, the COA office or checking the Town of Acton website at www.acton-ma.gov. Please call us when you return so that we may put you back on our mailing list.

EXERCISE PROGRAMS

The current session of classes is fully subscribed.

"Stretch and Flex" with Terri Zaborowski – Mondays from 8:30 to 9:30 – New session starts on December 12th through February 13th. A few spots remain.

Aerobics with Terri Zaborowski-

"Senior Cardio-Flex":

Tuesday & Thursday or Wednesday & Friday from 8:30 to 9:30

"Beginner to Intermediate Stretch and Tone":

Tuesday & Thursday – 9:45 – 10:45
Classes full.

Money Management Program

Could you or someone you know use help keeping up with the monthly bill paying process? Trained volunteers from Minuteman Senior Services can help seniors make a budget, sort bills, write out checks to be signed by the senior and reconcile checkbooks to bank statements. Call Minuteman Senior Services at (978) 263-8720 for more details about this program.

WINTER WEATHER POLICY!

When the Acton Schools are closed, Senior Center classes, programs and the Minuteman meal site will be closed. The Council on Aging office will remain open; call (978) 264-9643. Listen for school cancellation information on WBZ (Channel 4), WCVB (Channel 5) and WHDH (Channel 7) or radio stations WEEI and WBZ.

Important emergency information:
If you need help and CANNOT speak -
FIRST dial 9-1-1, then press the
appropriate number to get the help
you need. If you need:
Police press 1
Fire Dept. press 2
Ambulance press 3

The Council on Aging staff and board want to thank Linda Duvel, retiring chairperson of the Friends of the Acton Council on Aging, for her many (25 and counting!) years of dedicated service to the seniors of Acton.

Linda was a key person in starting this private non profit group with the primary purpose of raising funds to provide free programs and classes to Acton seniors, and to help furnish the Senior Center on Audubon Hill when it opened in 1994.

Under Linda's leadership, the Friends have continued to support many new classes, programs and trips offered by the Council on Aging, while also administering an Emergency Fuel Assistance Fund, initiating the File of Life program and providing new computers for the Senior Center computer lab.

Active in other community service groups as well, Linda has worked to better the lives of all Acton citizens, with a special commitment to our senior citizens. We wish Linda well as she moves to a new community, and greatly appreciate all she has done to make the Acton Senior Center an active and vibrant resource for all the senior citizens of Acton.

Velvet Accordion Photo Album

Monday, December 12th, at 1:00 p.m.

Join us to make this beautiful keepsake. All materials will be provided but we need your crafty hands to complete these projects in time for gift giving or your enjoyment. Call the COA office to register and stop by to see the sample.

Sign ups for all new classes and programs starts at 12:00 NOON:

Monday, December 5th!

Please do not call or stop in before noon; sign-ups will be taken at noon.

"Ask the Lawyer"

Tuesday, January 10th, 1:00 – 3:00

Attorney Leslie Madge, a certified Elder Law Attorney, offers **20 minute** private legal **consultations** by appointment at no charge to Acton **seniors**. Call **(978) 264-9643** to schedule an appointment.

COA GROUPS AND CLASSES

All students must sign-up for classes; please do not just drop in as many classes are filled to capacity.

Call the COA office for space availability at (978) 264-9643.

MONDAYS – Bridge Class – 10:00-12:00.

Classes are over for now but please come along for drop-in bridge; there is always a great crowd! No need to sign up ahead of time.

"The Bookies" – Join the group on **Monday, January 23rd at 1:00** to discuss "The Color of Water" by James McBride. Leaders Phyllis Demers and Joan Schwartz look forward to the group's discussion of this book.

TUESDAY – MAH JONGG – December 6th

and 13th; 12:30-3:00 p.m. (Note time change) After Mah Jongg classes are completed Dec. 13th drop-in play will continue on Tuesday for the month of December and January afternoons so come along!

TUESDAY – Watercolor with Sue – 1:30 – 3:00. Classes continue through December 6th.

WEDNESDAY – Drop-In Watercolor – 9:00-

10:30. The students of the Wednesday morning class are welcome to continue to paint together on a "drop-in" basis. Classes will resume in January, see the January newsletter.

Greeting Card Workshops with Cynthia Durost

Class continues through **Wednesday, December 7th, from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

✂Acton Senior Quilters✂

WEDNESDAYS, 10:00 to Noon: Self-directed quilting group meets to work on various projects. Quilters of all levels are welcome.

Ping-Pong/Pool: every day after 12:30. We are always looking for new players! Check COA calendar for schedule conflicts in the dining room.

Knit & Crochet: Join us at **12:30 on Wednesdays, December 7th, 21st and 28th.**

FRIDAYS – POKER: 1:00 p.m.; New players are always welcome!

Friendly Visitors Meeting

Our next meeting will be in January. Please notice the Holiday Tea on page 1. All program participants are cordially invited to attend. RSVP to the COA office.

Senior Cinema: Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 1st: "War of the Worlds" – remake of the classic 1953 movie. Rated G.

Thursday, December 8th: "March of the Penguins" – a fabulous "wildlife classic". G

Thursday, December 15th: "The Polar Express" – a wonderful digital presentation of the book, destined to become a holiday perennial. Tom Hanks. Rated G.

Thursday, December 22nd: "The Bishop's Wife" – 1947 classic with Cary Grant and Loretta Young.

Thursday, December 29th: "Cinderella Man" - The story of a depression era fighter and folk hero. New release.

*****Assistance available regarding the new Medicare Part D program:**

The SHINE (Serving the Health Information Needs of Elders) Program has trained volunteers to provide free assistance with your health insurance needs including the new Medicare Part D program.

Please leave a message at the **Acton COA** for the SHINE counselor to contact you regarding any of the Medicare changes, help with applications for the drug plan or Mass Health Buy – In program to help pay Medicare Part B premiums, or to assist you with health provider billing problems.

Individual 20 minute appointments with our SHINE counselor, Maryjane Costello, can be scheduled **at the COA** Mondays in December. Maryjane will be here from 1:30-3:30. Please call to make an appointment. 978-264-9643. We thank Maryjane for being so available! For more information are www.medicare.gov or 1-800-MEDICARE or at MASSMedline at 1-866-833-1617.

You can also consult the SHINE web site at www.medicareoutreach.org. SHINE is managed and funded by the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

Durable Equipment Loan Cellar

The Acton COA maintains a **cellar** of donated durable medical equipment **to be loaned out** to Acton seniors as needed. Please call before you buy new equipment - we may have it in our cellar! The most frequently borrowed are **tub benches, shower chairs and raised toilet seats** (no commodes, please) and are often in short supply, so if you have one taking up valuable space, we would be glad to add it to the loan cellar. We also have 3 wheelchairs to loan on a short term loan basis in addition to grabbers, canes and a few tub rails.

We appreciate all of your donations!

Please do not "drop off" donations without calling ahead.

All donated equipment must be clean and in very good condition.

Currently we do not need any additional commodes or walkers.

Thank you to all who have donated!

SENIOR CENTER CLINICS

Hearing: Thursday, December 8th from 1-3 p.m. Fred Gerulskis conducts hearing tests, checks hearing aids and makes some repairs. Free. **Please call** to register.

Podiatry Clinic: Friday, December 2nd from 8:15 to 11:00 a.m. sponsored by the Acton Nursing Service. **\$20.00*** fee. The purpose of the clinics is to provide podiatry services that are not covered by insurance. Dr. Burtoft, DPM, provides basic services such as evaluation and nail clipping. *This clinic is funded by the Friends of the Acton Nursing Service. Fee can be waived in case of financial hardship.

Call 978-264-9653 for an appointment for Podiatry and Cholesterol Clinics.

Cholesterol Screening: The next clinic will be held in March. Please call the **Nursing Service at 978-264-9653** to schedule an appointment or if you have any questions. Fee \$10.00

Blood Pressure: Tuesday, December 13th between 9 and 11 a.m. The Acton Public Nursing Service sponsors free monthly blood pressure clinics at the Senior Center. No appointment is necessary.

Widows and Widowers

Friday December 2nd, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Recent widows and widowers are welcome to attend our informal group. Group members share experiences on losing a partner of many years and how to cope with all of the changes. Group members usually arrange to meet once for lunch informally between meetings. Co-leaders are Carol Steiner and Steve Baran. Please call the COA if you have any questions about the group or would like to join us.

Expanded Van Services

Effective as of December 1st, 2005, Acton seniors have the opportunity to access rides to **Lahey Clinic** (Burlington for \$12.50) and the **Boston medical community** at the cost of \$25.00. Advanced scheduling with the LRTA Road Runner (1-800-589-5782) is important and should be done at least 2 days in advance. Wednesday is set aside for these trips.

The LRTA Road Runner will also provide rides to the **Emerson Westford Medical Offices and Market Basket** (\$1.50 each way). Wednesday morning is the suggested pick up (10 a.m.) with early afternoon (1 p.m.) returns. A two day notice is strongly encouraged. **For all questions call the LRTA at 1-800-589-5782.**

SENIOR VAN SCHEDULES

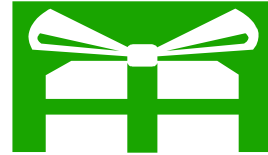
The Acton COA van is available Monday through Friday to all Acton seniors (age 60 and over) and disabled Acton residents.

Reservations should be made weekdays between 8:00-12:00 noon by calling (978) 264-9651. Please have the name, telephone number and address of your destination available when you call. Because of the number of requests it is necessary to **CALL AT LEAST A DAY in advance**, sooner if possible. **One-way in town is \$1.00; one-way out of town (Concord/Maynard) is \$1.50.**

The Road Runner Van is also available to Acton senior citizens **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 9:00 – 3:30.** Please call them at #1-800-589-5782, at least **24 hours** in advance. Fares are the same as the COA van.

First Annual Holiday Bazaar
The Inn at Robbins Brook
Saturday, December 3rd
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

- Local Crafters
- Visits with Santa
- Crafts for Kids
- Bake Sale and Raffle Prizes
- Tours of The Inn at Robbins Brook



Alzheimer's Services

Alzheimer's Association Helpline

1-800-548-2111. Available for calls 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

Monthly evening support groups:

These two groups are open to family members and caregivers of someone with Alzheimer's disease or other related dementias:

1) Acton Senior Center, Wednesday, January 18th at 6:00 p.m. Please note there is no December meeting. For information, call Jean Fleming at (978) 264-9643.

2) The Inn at Robbins Brook on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

For information, call Joanne McCole at (978) 264-4666.

Monthly morning caregivers support group: **3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m..**

Concord Park Assisted Living Residence in West Concord. **Call (978) 318-0046.**

Early stage Patient and Carepartner

Support Group Open to the person with early stage memory problems and their care partners

1st Tuesday of each month, 2:00-3:30p.m., Concord COA, Harvey Wheeler Building. Call Arlene Parillo at (781) 863-1166 or Rebecca Tamasanis 781-978-369-6889

Cooperative Elder Services, Inc. runs an **Adult Day Health and Alzheimer's Care Program** in Concord. Please call **Social Services Department at (978) 318-0046.**

Minuteman Senior Services provides, free **in-home consultations.** Please call **978-263-8720** for more information.

COUNCIL ON AGING TRIP POLICIES:

1. Please call the COA office at 978-264-9643 to make trip reservations before sending in your check. Some trips fill up very quickly.
2. **Payment is required two weeks prior to the trip, unless otherwise noted.** If payment is not received in time, your name will be removed from the sign-up and a wait-listed person will be contacted. **We will return your check if you cannot go and if your place can be filled.** If signing up for multiple trips please make separate checks for each.
3. **Checks** should be made out to: The **FRIENDS of the Acton COA.** You may deliver your check to the office or mail to: COA, Town Hall, 472 Main Street, Acton
4. **Please park** towards the **back** of the lower parking lot, away from the function hall **behind St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, 89 Arlington Street.**
5. Please call Jean Fleming at 978-264-9643 for trip assistance from the Friends organization.
6. **Always bring a copy of your FILE OF LIFE card with you on trips.**
7. **When signing up for a trip it is expected that each traveler will participate in every aspect of a trip.**

Sign ups for all classes, trips and programs begins on

***Monday, December 5th at
12:00 NOON***

***Please DO NOT call or stop in to the
COA offices to sign up before Noon on
Monday, Dec. 5th.***



Old Mill Restaurant in Westminster

Cynthia Ardell Vocal Entertainer

Thursday, December 8th

Come join the festivities with us as we travel out to the Old Mill Restaurant for a holiday lunch and live entertainment provided by local performer Cynthia Ardell. (This trip was first offered in the November newsletter and a few spaces are still available.)

COST: \$30.00 (includes bus, luncheon, show and gratuities)

DEPART: 10:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth's Church
Back parking lot, 89 Arlington Street, Acton

Boston Symphony Orchestra

2005/2006 Season of Open Rehearsals

Thursday, April 6th – All-Mozart Program –
“Serenade No. 6 in D, K.239, Serenata
notturna, Violin Concerto No. 5 in A, K.219,
Symphony No. 39.

Rafael Fruhbeck de Burgos, conductor and Gil Shaham, violin.

COST: \$27.00 for each performance

DEPART: 8:00 a.m. St. Elizabeth's Church
Back parking lot, 89 Arlington Street, Acton

**Notes from the Acton Recreation Dept.**

The Recreation Department is going to New York City on Saturday, December 10th and Foxwoods on Saturday, February 18th, 2006. The Recreation Department is also offering an Adult Ceramic Class on four Friday evenings; February 10th, March 10th, April 7th and April 14th. Please call the Rec. Dept. for more information and to sign up for any of these events. (978) 264-9608 and then press “0”.

ACTON COA STAFF

Jean Fleming, Director

Barbara Winders, Assistant to the Director
Carol Steiner, Outreach/Volunteer Coordinator

Debby Mozzicato, Program Coordinator

Ron Paskavitz, Van Driver

Steve Ryan, Substitute Van Driver

COA Board Members

Patricia Ellis, Chair

Stephen Baran

Gena Manalan

Kay Guinee

Bill Ely

Jan Patrick

Paul Turner

Sally Thompson

Anita Dodson

Ed Carrell, Associate Member

**Please vote on Tuesday, December
6th. Acton will be filling a vacant
position on the Board of Selectmen.**

“Are You O.K.?”

Would you be reassured if you received a call everyday at the same time? Maybe the **“Are You Okay”** program is for you.

This **telephone reassurance** program is being offered to any Acton resident who would benefit from a daily scheduled contact for a “well-being” check. To enroll in this free service, **call Carol Steiner at the COA at (978) 264-9643 for more information.**

Lots of COA Volunteer Opportunities

Wheel-A-Meal Drivers Office Support
Handymen/**Electronics specialists**
Workshop Leaders **Plantscaper**
Newsletter Mailers Friendly Visitors
Quilters **Cable show**

- We are **always** looking to add both regular and substitute **Wheel-A-Meal Drivers**.
- Our **Handyman Program** is looking for a couple of **electronics specialists** to help with DVD/VCR/TV/answering machine, etc. connections.
- Our **interior plants** are in need of regular care and watering.

If you are interested in handling these or any other volunteer jobs call Carol Steiner at the COA to offer your help.

ACTON HANDYMAN PROGRAM

The **Acton Handyman Program**, offered **entirely by volunteers**, is designed to help Acton seniors with **small repairs and simple household jobs**, *for example*:

- Glue loose handrails, chair legs, etc.
- Light bulb/smoke detector battery replacement
- Assemble bookshelves, etc.
- Mattress flipping
- Simple computer, TV, VCR, DVD connections.
- Nothing on ladders, please.
- AND more!

Call the COA to request Handyman services.

This well used program should not be used in place of necessary professional services requiring licenses and permits, or for the many tasks needed to set up a new household. We will try to offer the resources to find local services as necessary.

Safety Sand 2005-06

“Safety Sand for Seniors” has resumed for this winter season. Safety Sand (**salted** Highway Dept. sand) is delivered in 10 quart plastic pails to homes by volunteers from the **Acton Boxborough Regional High School**. All pails will be distributed for this season in very early December. If you did not receive your pail of sand by December 16th please call Carol right away. Additional refills are available as the winter progresses. **978-264-9643.**

SMOC Fuel Assistance

Need help paying your heating bill?

Fuel Costs have risen markedly this year. Please consider applying for some assistance to help pay for your heating fuel.

New applications for fuel assistance for 2005/06 are being taken **through April 30th**.

If your yearly gross household is at or below the amounts listed, you may qualify for fuel assistance **and** discounts on utility and telephone bills.

Household size Maximum gross income:

1	\$ 19,140
2	\$ 25,660
3	\$ 32,180
4	\$ 38,700

(call for income guidelines for larger families)

Call Carol Steiner at the COA 978-264-9643 for more information.

The Friends of the Council on Aging manage an **Emergency Fuel Assistance Fund**.

Contact Jean Fleming at the COA for information. (978) 264-9643

Citizen's Energy

Starting December 12th, 2005 Citizen's Energy can help with a delivery of half price heating oil.

Call 1-877-563-4645 (1-877-JOE-4-OIL)

Friends of the Acton Nursing Services (FANS) Seeking Volunteers

Founded in 1983, The Friends of the Acton Nursing Service purpose was to provide both financial and voluntary service to the Acton Public Health Nursing Service.

The group is currently looking for volunteers to help FANS continue to support valuable services provided to the residents of Acton by giving of your time. Call Florence at (978) 263-0944 to volunteer or request additional information.

The Salvation Army is Recruiting Bell Ringers

The Salvation Army is recruiting volunteers and some paid (\$6.50/hour) bell ringers for the 2005 annual holiday fund drive. If you have time and are willing to ring one hour a week or more, please call Dr. Mary Donald's daytime number, (978) 263-7855. The red kettles will be located in front of Donelans, Kmart, Roche Bros. and Stop and Shop. They are in very special need of two persons to head the kettle effort at Stop and Shop. The task is to organize and schedule bell ringers at the site. You can choose your location and hours. Please consider helping this organization that helps so many in need. The drive is from November 12th through December 24th.

Acton Senior Quilters

Raffle to Benefit Friends of the COA

A gorgeous, hand appliquéd and machine pieced full size quilt "Cardinals in Winter" will be raffled off on **December 14th** during the Holiday Luncheon at the Senior Center. In addition we have been given a hand crocheted afghan beautifully finished to be raffled also. The proceeds will benefit The Friends of the Acton Council on Aging, which supports many programs and classes at the Senior Center. These annual gifts of workmanship are a treasure each year to the lucky winners!

Tickets may be purchased for \$1.00 each or a booklet of 6 tickets for \$5.00. Contact the COA office for information on how to purchase raffle tickets or purchase them before the luncheon on December 14th.

Senior Center Art Display

We have enjoyed the artwork of Beverly Fell during the months of November and December. Artist Mary Lou Chapsky has offered her works for a January show of mixed media which may be viewed any time the living room is available.

If you are an Acton senior artist, please contact the COA office as we are continuing to "book" monthly art shows. This is a wonderfully successful program due to "The Friends of the COA" sponsorship and our talented senior artists.

Holiday Fire Safety Tips

The Acton Fire Department, in conjunction with the Office of the State Fire Marshal, has compiled a two page printout of helpful hints for preventing fire tragedies in your home, particularly related to the holiday season. Here are some highlights, which hopefully we all know, but always bear repeating this time of year:

- Trim trees with flame retardant decorations.
- Keep trees away from heat sources, such as radiators, wood stoves and fire places.
- Water the tree daily, and dispose of before the needles dry out and become a fire hazard.
- If you select an artificial tree, choose one that is labeled "fire retardant".
- Unplug all decorative lighting before leaving the house or going to bed.
- **NEVER LEAVE A CANDLE UNATTENDED. NEVER HANG CANDLES ON A TREE.**
- When using decorative lights indoors or outside, use only approved lighting for both indoor and outdoor use.
- Check all lighting for frayed insulation or broken plugs and sockets. If the plug is damaged, **DO NOT USE IT.**
- Never overload outlets; use GFI outlets if possible.
- Put no more than three strands of lights on an extension cord.
- Never hide extension cords or electric wires under carpets.
- Be sure **ALL SMOKE DETECTORS ARE OPERATING.**
- Try to have a fire extinguisher accessible.
- If using a fireplace or wood stove, make sure chimney is well maintained.
- Use an approved container to dispose of hot ashes and secure tightly so loose embers can't ignite a fire.

• Stay safe and enjoy this special time of year.

Tune to Comcast Channel 8 every Monday through Friday at 7 a.m., 11 a.m. or 6 p.m. to see the latest edition of the Elderberries Production. Senior T.V. by seniors for seniors about seniors and it's a great show! We will have the show playing on the Senior Center t.v. on Friday, December 16th at 1:00 so stop by to see it with us! We also have copies on VHS tape available for you to borrow to watch at home! The Elderberry Productions crew is grateful for funding from the Acton Lions Club.



"The Christmas Carol"

Wednesday, November 30th at 7:00 p.m.

Theatre III brings you Charles Dickens' timeless classic and invites you to join them on November 30th for a free dress rehearsal.

**High School Holiday Concert
Tuesday, December 13th, at 7:30 p.m.**

Join the high school musicians for a festive evening of holiday music. The performance will include the High School Chorus, the Concert Band, Women's Ensemble, the Jazz Band and the Madrigal Singers. There is no charge for this production at the Acton-Boxborough Regional High School Auditorium.

Holiday Mini Fair

**Acton Memorial Library Meeting Room
Saturday, December 3rd, 10:00-1:00**

Shop for cookbooks, posters, garden theme gifts, tee shirts, key rings, Beanie Babies, scarves, CD's, pewter snowflake ornaments, flavored coffees, baked goods, jewelry, school supplies, hats, books and raffle items including a handmade quilt, hand crocheted afghan and a holiday arrangement all to benefit local non-profit agencies in the community! The snowdate is Saturday, December 10th.

**ACTON COUNCIL ON AGING
Town Hall, 472 Main Street
Acton MA 01720
Return Service Requested**

**PRSRT STD
U.S. Postage Paid
Acton, MA
Permit #67**